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1. Applicants reply dated August 6, 2004 is deemed to be Non-Responsive.
2. A proper Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) is made with appropriate changes to disclosure and particularly to the claims. The subject RCE received contained no such attachments. Hence, the applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
3. The proper procedure if an interview is desired is to call the Examiner and verbally make such request. Following the guidelines of the MPEP, such interview will be granted for a period of about 30 minutes.
4. Concerning amendments made after final, applicant is directed to MPEP 714. Applicant is advised that typically when a final action is issued, prosecution is closed and the only amendments made are small adjustments. Applicant's options after final are either to Request for Continued Examination or to seek an Appeal from the Board.
5. Any inquiry concerning this information or related to the subject disclosure should be directed to the Examiner, Joseph P. Hirl, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1668.

The Examiner can be reached on Monday – Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Anthony Knight can be reached at (703) 308-3179.

Any response to this office action should be mailed to:

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or faxed to:

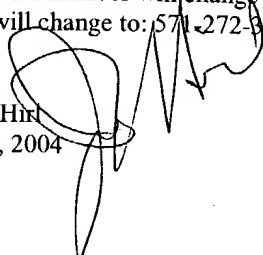
(703) 746-7239 (for formal communications intended for entry);

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"Proposed" or "Draft" for the desk of the Examiner).

Note: During the last two weeks of October 2004, Art Unit 2121 will move to Carlyle, Randolph Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor and my phone and fax number will change to: 571-272-3685 and 571-273-3685, respectively. Similarly, Anthony Knight's phone and fax numbers will change to: 571-272-3687 and 571-273-3687.

Joseph P. Hirt  
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